THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The mega power policy announced in 1995 has been reviewed and revised from time to time after inter-ministerial consultations considering the experience gained in its implementation and the needs of the power sector. To encourage private investment for the small hydro (upto 25 MW) and renewable energy power projects, financial and fiscal incentives which include accelerated depreciation, relief from taxes and duties are being provided. In addition, preferential tariff is given to grid interactive renewable power in most potential States. A higher level of Central financial assistance, on par with special category States, is being provided for setting up renewable energy projects.

Ministry of Power had mooted a proposal for lowering the threshold qualifying capacity for the mega power projects. Government of Maharashtra have also supported the proposal of the Ministry of Power for lowering the threshold qualifying capacity to 250 MW both for thermal as well as hydro power projects. However, based on the inter-ministerial consultations and the subsequent review meetings held, presently, no changes have effected in the provisions of the current mega policy.

Evaluation and monitoring of power projects

† 3094. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power projects are evaluated and monitored by Government;

(b) if so, the project-wise outcome of such actions during last three years; and

(c) the efforts made by Government on the basis of the said outcomes?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) An effective monitoring mechanism has been put in place to see that the cleared power projects are executed in time. The CEA has a nodal officer for each project, both at the conception stage as well as during execution. In addition, regular review meetings are being organized in the Ministry of Power.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

New benchmarks for setting up of power projects have been achieved as under:—

Coal based:

(i) The average lead time for the 500 MW unit reduced from 49 months to 38 months. The Ramagundam STPS III of NTPC commissioned in 37 months.

(ii) The average lead time for the 210/250 MW units reduced from 32 months to 28 months. The Raichur TPS units of Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd. commissioned in 26 months.

Gas based:

Average lead time for gas based projects has come 24 months to 20 months. Ramgarh CCPP open cycle commissioned in 15 months.

Hydro based:

Average lead time of new hydro projects is likely to be 60 months. Chamera-ll (3x100 MW) of NHPC commissioned in 49 months.

The details of power projects commissioned during Tenth Plan upto 31.7.2005 is at Statement.

Statement

List of power projects commissioned in Tenth Plan upto 31.7.2005

(In MW)

Name of Project	Units commissioned
Central Sector	
THERMAL	
NTPC	
Simhadri	500
Talcher-ll	2000
Ramagundam	500
Rihand-ll	500
	3500
M/o Coal-NLC	
NLC Extn.-I	210
	210
	420

Name of Project	Units commissioned
DVC	
Mejia-4	210
	210
Central Sector (Thermal)	4130
HYDRO	
NHPC	
Chamera-ll	300
Indirasagar (JV)	1000
Dhauliganga-I (U-3&4)	140
	1440
SJVN	
Nathpa Jhakri	1500
	1500
NEEPCO	
Kopilli-ll	25
	25
Central Sector (Hydro)	2965
Nuclear	
TAPP	540
MAPS (R&M) (Addl.)	50
Central Sector (Nuclear)	590
Overall Central Sector	7685
State Sector	
THERMAL	
Delhi	
Pragati (T)	225.78
Haryana	
Panipat Unit 7	250
Panipat Unit 8	250
Rajasthan	
Suratgarh-lll (T)	250
Ramgarh-ll (T)	75.32
Kota-IV(T)	195

Name of Project	Units commissioned
Gujarat	
Dhuvaran Gas (T)	106.62
Akrimota (T)	125
Tamil Nadu	
Perungalam (Valuthur) Gas (T)	94
Kuttalam Gas (T)	100
Karnataka	
Raichur U-7 (T)	210
(additional unit identified)	
Mizoram	
Bairabi DGPP (T)	22.92
Manipur	
Leimkhong DG	18
Tripura	
Baramura GT (T)	21
Rokhia GT (T)	21
A&N Islands	
Rangat Bat(T)DG1&2	6
State Sector (Thermal)	1970.64
HYDRO	
Madhya Pradesh	
Bansagar-lll (H)	20
Bansagar-ll (H)	15
Gujarat	
Sardar Sarovar (multi-State) (H)	650
Andhra Pradesh	
Srisailem LBH (H)	450
Karnataka	
Almati Dam (H)	235
State Sector Hydro	1370
Overall State Sector	3340.64

Name of Project	Units commissioned
Private Sector	
THERMAL	
Tamil Nadu	\
Nevyeli Zero (T) Karuppur	250
CCPP GT & ST (Addl. Project identified)	119.8
Andhra Pradesh	
Pedapuram (T)	78
Island	
Bamboo flat DG (T)	20
Private Sector Thermal	467.8
HYDRO	
Himachal Pradesh	
Baspa (H)	300
Private Sector Hydro	300
Overall Private Sector	767.8
GRAND TOTAL:	11793.44

Ranga Nadi Power Project in Arunachal Pradesh

3095. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of Ranga Nadi Power Project which is being executed by Hindustan Power Corporation Ltd. in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) by when this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd. (NEEPCO) has already commissioned ail the three units of Ranga Nadi Hydro Electric Project (3x135=405 MW) in March, 2002. However, at present, survey & investigation and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Ranga Nadi Hydro Electric Project Stage-ll (130 MW) which is an upstream project, is under preparation.